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1. The Adamov (Adamstahl - P50/N 41) plant of the Skoda Works is located in a valley bisected by the Svitava River and is constructed so that it blends in with the two hills which abut it on the northern and southern sides. Surrounded by a six foot high concrete wall, the plant area is camouflaged. About 7,000 workers are employed here.
2. Munitions are the primary product of this plant, but it also manufactures brakes for railroad cars and spare parts for locomotives. Parts used in the assembling of armaments at other Skoda plants are produced here and distributed to them. Grenades, projectiles, and mines made at Adamov are shipped to Skoda factories at Policka (O50/N 15) and Semtin near Pardubice (O51/M 79) to be filled with powder. Other parts, not [Redacted] are sent to Skoda at Dubnica (P49/T 69) for assembly.

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Description of individual buildings (see attachments A, B, C, and D)

3. The M V workshop, a two-story steel and concrete building with a grass-covered roof, houses the hardening shop, the grinding shop, and a mechanical workshop. In the mechanical workshop there are milling machines, grinding machines, and about 30 turret lathes.
 - a. Projectiles of 50 and 80 mm, along with anti-tank grenades weighing 15 kgs, are produced on the first floor. The technical offices for this building, the manager's office, and the maintenance shop are also on the first floor.
 - b. Primers for shells are produced on the second floor.

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4. Building M III is a one-story steel and brick building with a ramp leading from the railway spur and a grass-covered roof. It contains mechanical workshops with about 100 turret lathes, type 36; 20 milling machines; and 20 other machines not identified by source.
 - a. The offices for the M III building are located on the first floor along with the manager's office, a grinding shop, and a maintenance shop. Automatic machines for spring production, and machines for the production of projectile timing rings are also located on this floor. These machines include 15 turret lathes, type 36; 12 milling machines, one press, and 8 automatic number-stamping machines. Other machines on this floor include 60 turret lathes, type 48; 50 turret lathes, type 36; 60 thread-cutting machines, and 50 other special machines.
 - b. All of these machines are used either directly or indirectly in the manufacture of timing rings for projectiles of all calibers.
5. This is a building of open steel construction used as a storehouse for old machines. Approximately 30 old machines are stored here.
6. Building Z, a former castle, is the oldest building of this entire complex and contains research laboratories and planning offices. On the first floor are located the offices of the representatives of the Ministry of National Defense (MNO) and the Soviet delegates.
7. Building ID contains a forge and a joinery, which makes shipping cases used by the plant.
8. A structure which is administered by Building ID is used as a storehouse for screws and fittings and contains a maintenance shop which services the whole factory area.
9. The factory maintains a garage which houses four trucks and one passenger car.
10. The chimney of the boiler house is 35 mm high and is painted with many colors to help camouflage it.
11. The engine house and welding shop contain a turbine and a boiler which heats most of the plant's buildings. On the first floor of the engine house are an electrical generator and two air compressors. In the welding shop are 8 electrical welding machines, type Kjellberg, and 4 autogenous welding machines. The welding shop is a part of Department ID. Welded parts are assembled in workshop M IV.
12. Building B O, a three-story brick and steel building with a grass-covered roof, makes railway brakes and grinds cylinders for locomotives. A testing room for compressors and brakes is located on the 2nd floor.
13. Workshop M IV has 72 turret lathes, type 48, and comes under the jurisdiction of Department M I. On the 3rd floor of the building is an apprentice workshop. The administrative building, called the Secretariat, a three-story building, maintains a counting office, a pay office, and the drafting and planning offices.

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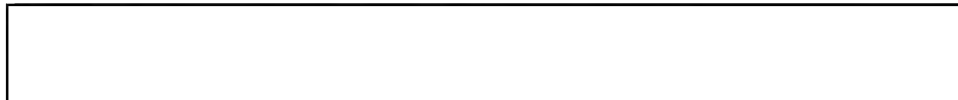
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14. Building L II contains 20 cold steel presses. Rings, washers, and pressed steel parts are made in this building.
15. Building J I, a one-story building, contains hardening furnaces, hardening lathes (sic), and about 30 presses, all of which help to make shell casings weighing about 95-80 kgs.
16. Building M I, divided into three equal rooms, has about 120 production lathes, and three automatic machines for projectile roughing (sic). Projectile pressings are tooled in this building, and then are moved to Building L I for additional work.
17. Workshop M II and NA houses a hardening shop for tools and gauges, a maintenance shop, a grinding room for tools and gauges, and a varnishing room. There are about 20 special Swiss-made grinding machines, 5 thread milling machines, 10 other milling machines, and 5 lathes. Tools and gauges used at the plant are made here.
18. A powder station which supplies the press room furnaces with coal powder through the use of compressed air is located on the factory grounds. This is a key building for the maintenance of production.
19. Huge presses and furnaces are located in the press room in a steel building finished in 1949. The presses and furnaces are not operating now. This is the building in which locomotives are repaired and spare parts for them are manufactured.

Enclosures: A - Sketch of plant area
 B, C, D, - Legend to Attachment A

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